Reading List

There are lots of great books to help you dig a little deeper into archaeology.
Here are a few ideas to get you started.

**Adult – Non-fiction**

**Archaeology: the Basics**
(The fundamental information to get you started)

**Archaeology, an Introduction**
(Good introduction when approaching archaeology for the first time)
Kevin Greene and Tom Moore, Routledge (2010)

**Archaeology for Dummies**
(A simple, objective guide to archaeology)
Nancy Marie White, John Wiley & Sons (2008)

**The Penguin Archaeology Guide**
(A clear reference guide)

**The Bluffer’s Guide to Archaeology**
(All you need to know for instant expertise)

**The Handbook of British Archaeology**
(Get started with British archaeology)
Roy Adkins, Lesley Adkins and Victoria Leitch, Constable (2008)

**The Concise Oxford Dictionary of Archaeology**
(A dictionary of archaeology terms)

**Past World: The Times Atlas of Archaeology**
(An engaging, pictorial atlas taking you through the history of the world)

**The Archaeology of Britain: An Introduction from Earliest Times to the Twenty-First Century: An Introduction from the Upper Palaeolithic to the Industrial Revolution**
(A guide to Britain’s archaeology through time)

**Archaeology: Theories, Methods and Practice**
(Essential text book for all new students in archaeology)
Colin Renfrew and Paul Bahn, Thames and Hudson (2004)

**Disgraceful Archaeology**
(A fun, surprising look at archaeology)

**Human Remains in Archaeology, a Handbook**
(Leading handbook in human remains)
Charlotte Roberts, Council for British Archaeology (2009)

**Adult – Fiction**

**Falco series**
(Detective series set in Ancient Rome)
Lindsey Davies, Arrow (various)

**Pompeii**
(Gripping drama set near Pompeii around the events of the restless Mount Vesuvius)
Robert Harris, Arrow (2009)

**Regeneration Trilogy**
(Series of novels about WWI)
Pat Barker, Viking (1997)

**Spartacus**
(Historical novel about the slave revolt led by Spartacus the Gladiator)
Howard Fast, Unionsverlag (2005)

**Labyrinth**
(Epic quest for a holy grail set against the historical background of the Languedoc)
Kate Moss, Jean-Claude Lattès (2006)

**Timeline**
(Time travelling adventure with a focus on the Middle Ages)
Michael Crichton, Arrow (2006)

**Shardlake series**
(Series of novels set in Tudor times)
C J Sansom, Pan (2007)

**Rubicon; Persian Fire; Millennium**
(Three books giving dramatic insight into significant historical eras)
Tom Holland, Little Brown and Company (various)
Children — Non-fiction

Archeology (DK Eyewitness books)
Discover the world of archaeology
Jane R MacIntosh, DK Publishing (2000)

Hands-On Archaeology: Real-Life Activities for Kids
25 activities to help uncover the mysteries of our past
John White, Prufrock Press (2005)

Archaeology Detectives
Find out how archaeologists interpret a wide range of historical evidence

Young Oxford Book of Archaeology
Go on a journey through time to see how archaeologists piece together the stories of past civilizations from around the world
Norah Moloney, Oxford University Press (1997)

Totally Awesome Archaeology
Answers to those archaeology questions beyond the imagination
Nick Arnold, Scholastic (2009)

The Usborne Introduction to Archaeology
Explore the modern technology used to analyse archaeological discoveries
Abigail Wheatley, Usborne Publishing Ltd (2008)

The Very Bloody History of Britain Without the Boring Bits
A history of life in Britain from the dawn of time to the years of WWII – illustrated with entertaining cartoons
John Farman, Bodley Head Children’s Books (1994)

Horrible Histories series
All things wicked, weird and woeful from throughout history
Terry Deary with Martin Brown, Scholastic Ltd (various)

If Stones Could Speak: Unlocking the Secrets of Stonehenge (National Geographic Kids)
Informative, drama-driven book including tales of dead bodies, cremations, feasting and ancient rituals
Mike Parker Pearson, National Geographic Society (2010)

100 Things You Should Know About
Series including British History, Knights and Castles, Ancient Romans and Ancient Egyptians
Miles Kelly Publishing (various)

Children — Fiction

Thieves of Ostia
Part of a mystery series with adventures set in Roman times
Caroline Lawrence, Orion Childrens (2002)

Percy Jackson and the Lightning thief
A modern take on Greek legends
Rick Riordan, Puffin (2008)

War Horse
WW1 story of bravery following the life a horse sent to war

Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III series
Stories set in the Viking era
Cressida Whitton (various)

My Story series
Includes The Blitz, The Hunger (Ireland 1845-1847) and The Titanic
Scholastic (various)

History Detective series
Investigating civilizations such as Aztecs and Ancient Egyptians
Philip Ardagh and Colin King, Macmillan (various)

Knights, Kings and Conquerors, 20 stories from British History
A set of stories all followed by explanations of the historical facts
Geraldine McCaughran, Orion Childrens (2001)